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International feminist icon Gloria Steinem, ABC's Nightline anchor Ted Koppel, French celebrity chef Jacques Pépin, bestselling author Isabel Allende, evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins, and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame musician Patti Smith comprise the line-up for the 12th season of the Institute for Leadership Studies' Fall Leadership Lecture Series at Dominican University of California in San Rafael.

Dawkins will open the [Fall 2015 Leadership Lecture Series](#) on October 4, followed by Pépin on October 12, Koppel on November 2, Allende on November 4, Steinem on November 10, and Smith on November 18.

All lectures are open to the public and will be held in [Angelico Concert Hall](#) on the Dominican campus. Doors open one hour prior to the programs. Free parking is available on campus in the nearby Conlan Center parking lot at the intersection of Acacia and Grand avenues. Most lectures begin at 7 p.m., but some start in the afternoon. Doors open one hour prior to all lectures.

The speaker series, a cooperative effort between [Dominican's ILS](#) and Book Passage, features some of the country's leading figures from the worlds of business, politics, entertainment, academia, and literature. The series has entertained and educated thousands of Marin County and San Francisco Bay Area residents.

On Sunday afternoon, October 4, at 4 p.m., Richard Dawkins, author of the bestseller *The God Delusion*, will appear at Dominican with his newest book, *Brief Candle in the Dark*. A fellow of the Royal Society and inaugural holder of the Charles Simonyi Chair of Public Understanding of Science at Oxford University, Dawkins has been called "one of the best nonfiction writers alive today." Tickets for the event are \$35 and include an autographed copy of *Brief Candle in the Dark*.

On Monday, October 12, at 7 p.m., renowned chef and television personality Jacques Pépin will appear in conversation with fellow chef and television host Tyler Florence at Dominican to talk about Pépin's latest cookbook, *Jacques Pépin: Heart & Soul in the Kitchen*. A multiple-time James Beard Foundation award winner, Pépin was the personal chef to three French heads of state, including President Charles de Gaulle, and the host of several television shows, such as PBS's Emmy Award-winning *Julia and Jacques Cooking at Home* with Julia Child. He has received three of the French government's highest honors and is the founder of The American Institute of Wine and Food. Tickets for the Pépin event are \$45 and include a signed copy of *Jacques Pépin: Heart & Soul in the Kitchen*.

On Monday, November 2, at 7 p.m., Ted Koppel, who anchored ABC's *Nightline* from its inception in 1980 to his retirement in 2005, will make his first appearance at Dominican University with his new book, *Lights Out*. He will appear in conversation with Bay Area entertainer, author and radio host Brian Copeland. Koppel, a British American journalist, is currently a senior news analyst for National Public Radio and a contributing analyst to BBC's *World News America*. The \$35 ticket to Koppel's event includes an autographed copy of *Lights Out*.

On Wednesday, November 4, at 7 p.m., author and activist Isabel Allende will return to Dominican to celebrate the release of her highly anticipated novel, *The Japanese Lover*, in a dynamic conversation with esteemed travel writer Don George. Born in Peru and raised in Chile, Allende has sold more than 65 million books worldwide, and her work has been translated into more than thirty-five languages. She is the recipient of several prestigious awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and has fourteen honorary degrees from national and international universities. Tickets for the event are \$35 and include an autographed copy of *The Japanese Lover*.

On Tuesday, November 10, at 1 p.m., Gloria Steinem will appear at Dominican University to discuss her memoir, *My Life on the Road*, her first book in twenty years. As a co-founder and editor of *Ms.* magazine, and a renowned writer, activist, and feminist leader, Steinem has championed social justice for over forty

years. In 2013, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama. Tickets for the event are \$40 and include a signed copy of *My Life on the Road*.

On Wednesday, November 18, at 7 p.m., singer-songwriter-poet Patti Smith will appear in conversation with acclaimed author Dave Eggers at Dominican to present Smith's *M Train*, the follow-up to her National Book Award-winning memoir, *Just Kids*. Inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2007, Smith has been called the “punk rock laureate.” Her seminal album *Horses* has been hailed as one of the top 100 albums of all time. In 2005, the French Ministry of Culture awarded Smith the title of *Commandeur des Arts et des Lettres*. The \$35 tickets for Smith’s event includes an autographed copy of *M Train*.

**For more information or to purchase any of the above-mentioned books, contact Book Passage in Corte Madera by calling (415) 927-0960 extension 1.**

[The Institute for Leadership Studies’ Fall 2015 Leadership Lecture Series](#) is sponsored by Private Ocean, the oldest and largest privately-held wealth management firm in Marin County. Private Ocean’s commitment to community service has been a driving force behind its support of the lecture series.

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